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TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors and Community and Home Options to  
Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE)/Older Americans Act Title  
III/Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) stakeholders

FROM: Stephen A. Smith, Director  
FSSA Division of Aging

DATE: October 2, 2006

SUBJECT: CHOICE/Title III/SSBG Rate Adjustments

I am pleased to provide this notice concerning rate changes for specific services funded through CHOICE/Title III/SSBG. We listened to community-based organizations, service providers, customers and consumer comments about the in-home service rates and provided an announcement on these pending rate adjustments at the 9-21-06 CHOICE Board meeting. The Division also considered the impact of services on our special populations (frail, rural, minority) regarding these important home and community-based services.

The *Medicaid waiver* rates for attendant care and homemaker services were raised by 15%, effective July 1, 2006. The CHOICE/Title III/SSBG rates for attendant care and homemaker services will be raised to 2% below those of the Medicaid waiver. The CHOICE/Title III/SSBG rates will be effective 10-1-06 and rates should be applied to services delivered 10-01-06 or after. The rate adjustment is not applicable to CHOICE consumer directed attendant care providers. There will be no retroactive adjustments/payment for services delivered/rates/payments made prior to this October rate adjustment. The CHOICE/Title III/SSBG rates will continue to be considered "caps."

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Thank you.

